

**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, September 28,
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Dear Sir

At the request of Mr. Arthur Lee of Norfolk I have given him an introduction to you, but not knowing his object, think proper to mention that I do not, as the contrary might otherwise be inferrd. He is in my opinion a young man of merit, tho it is not founded on much acquaintance with him. He deliver'd an oration not long since which was well spoke of, and is a republican. He is however young; I have heard him spoken of a gay; and if his object is the attainment of an office, you ought to have much better information of him than I can give. What I here state does not derogate from what I state in my other letter; it is intended only to prevent an inference from it wh. might be drawn without this intimation. Sincerely I am yr. frnd. & servt Jas. Monroe

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